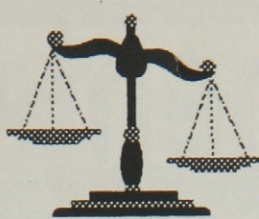


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## A QUID NOVI OF THE STUDENTS. BY THE STUDENTS. FOR THE STUDENTS (and faculty too)

Emmanuel Castiel  
Editor-in-chief/Rédacteur-en-chef

Congratulations! Félicitations! Mazal Tov! Para Bien! The 16th season of the Quid Novi is under way. I know I've looked forward to it all summer. Too bad I can't just sit back like all the other readers of the Quid and enjoy it through a boring class. No. I and the rest of the devoted Quid TEAM have to put it all together. When readers hold this thin newspaper in their hands, they may not realize all the hard work that's involved. The Q TEAM spends sleepless nights writing articles, conducting interviews, typing, editing, praying that there will be enough articles for the next issue. And yet, we can only produce for our beloved readers a weekly edition that looks like a

newspaper on a diet.

### Student participation (and faculty too)

This brings me to the real purpose of this article: Student participation. The Q TEAM would like students to be more involved in **their** newspaper. As a famous American President said: "It's a Quid Novi of the students, by the students, for the students".

Last year, we went through an ugly episode involving the Quid where a vote was needed. However, it was a useful experience because it reiterated the students' devotion to the Quid (for the first year students who don't know what I'm talking about, ask an upper-year colleague). But it's not enough that the students want a newspaper, they must

contribute to it. The Q TEAM has many positions available for those courageous enough to be involved: there is a need for a production manager, office manager, associate editor and fundraising coordinator, among others. Of course, the Q TEAM would be more than happy if students would just like to write articles.

En fait, c'est ce qui est le plus important. Car sans articles, le Q TEAM ne sert à rien. Les étudiants (et la faculté aussi) peuvent soumettre un article par semaine comme "Jodytalk" ou le nouveau "Pantoufflicat" ou selon leur inspiration. Le Q TEAM cherche à faire grandir le journal avec plus d'articles informatifs et des dossiers. Les étudiants (et la faculté aussi) peuvent écrire sur tout ce qui les

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## The L.S.A. Welcomes Students to a Year of Change

Bonjour à tous et à toutes!

The McGill Law Students Association would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly arrived first-year students, and a welcome-back to upper year students. This will be an exciting year of change at the faculty, and we hope that we can

serve you and represent you well this year. All we ask of you is that you participate and give us informed advice if you have anything on your mind. Also, we hope that upper year students will help first-years to become accustomed to life at the faculty.

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# Announcements / Annonces

## Notes from the Office of Undergraduate Studies

Welcome to all First Year students - we in the OUS hope you will enjoy the challenge of your first year of Law studies.

To all returning students - welcome back! - we wish you all the best of luck for the coming year.

Attention all students **entering their second year of Law**. Upon successful completion of your first year, you were automatically registered in the **National Programme**. If you do not wish to complete the National Programme, i.e. if you intend to graduate with ONLY your degree of entrance, you must notify our office. Unless we know of your intention to graduate with a single degree, your name will not appear on the convocation list.

**First Term Course Change period** runs from Wednesday 6th September to Sunday 17th September inclusive. During this

time, returning students may access MARS to add or drop courses. No "W" (approved withdrawal) will appear on your record. Changes made between Monday 18th September and Sunday 22nd October inclusive are coded with a "W". Course changes made after 22nd October are processed through our office and are subject to a \$25 fee per transaction (one drop and one add made at the same time constitute one transaction).

**Locker Lists** are posted on the bulletin board in the Cafeteria. Anyone occupying a locker assigned to someone else will have their lock cut off and their possessions removed, so please double-check the locker area and locker number assigned to you.

## WANTED:

### **Speaker for Law Students Association**

Responsibilities: To conduct L.S.A. meetings

To apply: Submit a resume and a letter explaining what relevant experience you have and why you would like the position of Speaker.

The L.S.A. Council will vote at the first meeting of the year for the new Speaker after each candidate delivers a short speech. Please submit all material by Tuesday, September 12, 1995 in the V.P. Administration Box in the L.S.A. office. If you have any questions, please direct them to Ari Finkelstein (398-6966).

McGill University to host major international conference on "Religious extremism, Peace and Human Rights"

It will be held on September 11 and 12, 1995 at the Faculty of Law.

The Conference will bring together a distinguished group of scholars and jurists from Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Europe, the United States and Canada to address such compelling issues as religious fundamentalism, terrorism, the peace process and human rights.

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Over the summer the L.S.A. Executive has been busy getting things ready for this year. This article is intended to let you know what is in the works so far.

### **Caf  teria:**

Comme nous vous l'avons annonc   auparavant, la compagnie Miraval s'occupe de notre caf  teria. Vous remarquerez les changements de nature esth  tique et gastronomique qu'ils ont apport  s. Nous tenons    rappeler et surtout    saluer le bon travail des membres de l'ex  cutif du L.S.A. de l'an dernier sans que ces am  liorations n'auraient pas eu lieu.

### **New Computer Lab and new Sadies:**

The L.S.A., the computer committee and the Faculty administration have partnered to create a new computer lab for students in what was the pool room in the basement. This difficult decision was made for a number of reasons. Firstly, as we all know, the second floor computer room is often overcrowded throughout the term, especially near exam time. For your information, computer use increased by over twenty-five percent in the last semester alone. Secondly, during computer training sessions most students have no access to the second floor lab. Thirdly, with new operating platforms soon to become the standard for computer software, we need new, high level processors to ensure our computer education level keeps up to what firms will expect from us in the future.

The pool room was chosen after all other locations were ruled out. It was the only room with the capacity for the fifteen computers we envision in the lab and the convenience of nearby computer connections. It was also the only one we could renovate at a reasonable cost. To that effect, the renovations completed last year to create the pool room will simply be used to accommodate computer equipment and working stations. However, using the pool room led to the requirement that our store "Sadies-Pit Stop" be moved into a new location in order to create more space for a new pool room. Renovations of the former pool room will most likely begin in late September (when McGill physical plant people return from their summer holiday...) and

we should have the new lab functioning by early November.

The procurement of computers themselves is being organized by the Computer Committee. The head of the project is Doron Goldstein to whom we send our thanks for countless hours devoted to the project. So far, a number of Montreal law firms have agreed in principle to purchase a new computer for the lab. However, we are proud to announce that two firms, Mendelsohn, Rosentzweig, Shacter and Ogilvy, Renault have each decided to purchase one for us. Dean Toope, who strongly believes in this project, has confirmed the participation of the Faculty to supply a number of machines. We will

keep you posted as developments arise in this important new facility for us.

### **Fax and photocopy machine:**

The L.S.A. is also pleased to announce that within a few weeks we will offer students the use of a fax machine in the faculty. Faxes sent to locations within the local calling area will be free or at a nominal charge, and students will be able to receive faxes from anywhere. Students this year should also have use of a photocopy machine at a low cost. Negotiations are presently underway, so no promises can be made regarding prices. However, we are hoping to be able to provide services at five cents a copy.

### **The new Sadies-PitStop:**

As indicated earlier, we relocated our store "Sadies-PitStop" in what used to be known as the Quid facilities and in more recent years the Beer room. The new "walk-in" store should open in the second week of September. We want to offer a wider range of supplies while cutting costs. This is why the new operating hours will be from Monday to Friday 11H00 to 15H00. You will have to buy your newspaper from the vending box located outside New Chancellor Day Hall. The store wants to offer goods that are of interest to Law students so feel free to make suggestions. This year, look for a new McGill Law clothing line, featuring gym shorts, T-shirts or polo shirts. You will definitely find something to suit your taste.

### **Clubs this year:**

We want to see student clubs to be more active this year and feel they have the full support of the L.S.A.. The L.S.A. and club organizers met last week to develop new ideas for clubs this year. Everyone please remember to attend Clubs Day on September 12, 11:30 to 1:30.

### **Some events this year:**

Cette ann  e se veut une ann  e de tradition mais aussi de changement.    cet effet, voici quelques unes des activit  s organis  es pour vous: le voyage aux Nations-Unies    New York; les Law Games; des Coffee House commandit  s; et de nombreux "parties"! De plus, nous travaillons en ce moment sur de nouveaux projets comme l'organisation d'une conf  rence des Juges en Chef, la possibilit   d'offrir des groupes ressources dans certains cours en collaboration avec le programme de tutorat, la reforme du programme et peut-  tre m  me des sessions de formation pratique dans certains domaines du droit. Toutes ces activit  s et   v  nements sont organis  s pour vous. Vous n'avez qu'   participer et vous amuser.

### **We are here for you:**

Above all, this year we want you, the student body, to remember that we are here because of your mandate. Our job is to meet your needs, solve your problems and listen to your ideas. With this in mind, we aim to make our Council as transparent as possible, so you don't feel any closed-door power-tripping is being carried on. Please accept our invitation to attend any L.S.A. Council meetings as an observer. We meet most Wednesdays at 12:30. And, if you have any concerns whatsoever that you would like discussed at Council please don't hesitate to contact any L.S.A. member to bring it up on your behalf. We are here for you.

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# JODYTALK

"Welcome to the Jungle we got fun and games!" -- Guns n' Roses

Welcome to the jungle or welcome back as the case may be. I spent the summer battling the forces of evil from The McGill Legal Information Clinic World Headquarters located in the engine room of the Shatner Building. The Dark Prince has many faces and I have made it my life's mission to point him out that others may benefit from my experience.

The first level of Hades is the exclusive domain of McGill Automated Registration System, known as MARS not due to any acronym, but because the person that designed it must be from Mars. MARS teases you at the beginning of the summer when you call on a daily basis to see if your grades have been registered. Then, when they finally get put into the system around the end of May, (If it only takes professors ten weeks to teach us the course material why then does it take five weeks to grade the exams. Throwing the set of exams down the stairs and assigning grades based on the way they land should take an hour max, but I digress.) MARS tortures you with its rendition of *guess that grade*. I remember calling on a warm Spring afternoon to hear the soothing voice on the other end of the line say "LAW course number 6-6-6 666 A (long pause) Phneh plus." Now its anyone's guess what a phneh is, but in my case it turned out to be a C.

The torture of trying to figure out what your grades are by listening to MARS is surpassed only by the torture that occurs when trying to register for classes via MARS. It was on a blazingly hot June morning (My apartment has no air conditioning and it has been an especially hot, brutal summer. Someone remind me of this when I'm freezing my hiney off in mid February.) at the ungodly hour of 6AM to ensure that I could get courses I

wanted since this would be my last hurrah. I tried to call in for over an hour, but to no avail. No password could help me, and by the time I finally got through at 7:30 AM all the courses I wanted were filled.

You must be kidding Jody all the courses were filled? There are plenty of courses available at the Faculty, couldn't you get any? Well sports fans there are plenty of tax classes available (corporate tax, international tax, advanced tax, tax policy...), but where is International Criminal Law, US Constitutional Law, Psychology and Law... are you getting my point. If I may offer a bit of advice to first and second year students (not merely information) don't bother taking all those obligatory and semi-obligatory courses during your second and third years. They always offer National Civil Procedure, Business Associations and Private International Law. It's best to take these boring courses during your fourth year, after you've figured out that a good summary is worth 10 times as much as a semester's worth of classes and reading. If you do all your semi-obligs first you'll end up like me, with half the Faculty on Sabbatical and nothing you can register for but, special K, successions and law of real security.

There certainly has to be a better way to register for courses and it might even be a more low tech way. Don't get me wrong, I'm far from being a luddite. I couldn't live without my MAC (or even the ugh... IBM machines I have to use because the *Quid* inexplicably can't convert my files from MAC to IBM on their own. I went to an undergraduate University with 6000 students and all registration was carried out in person. One of the other little neat things that they had were waiting lists. A waiting list is a device that ensures that if you get screwed during the registration you at least a fighting chance of getting a

place when the inevitable 10% drop during the first two weeks of the course. At McGill MARS doesn't do waiting lists, so whether or not you get into a class is based purely on your luck in dialing in just after someone dropped the course.

As I said before the Dark Prince has many forms and the fourth horseman of the apocalypse is most certainly the law library. The plans are in the works for a new state of the art facility that should serve us well into the 21st century (I'm pretty sure they said the same thing about the current facility back in 1972). However, most of us will be stuck using the middle age monstrosity that exists until we graduate. I have a few pointers for you on how to make your library experience more palatable for both you and your classmates. First, when asking for books at the reserve desk don't be surprised when they ask you for the call number. True enough they know perfectly well where the latest edition of the criminal code is located and that the current periodicals are arranged according to title, not call number, but none the less rules are rules and they need not help you if you don't have a call number. Also, some people have found that books that they "returned" ended up being listed as missing. Such books have on occasion turned up on the shelves where they should be, but were listed as missing anyway. Furthermore, if a book you borrowed is declared lost the library charges you for the late as well as replacement charges. This is merely annoying when you are dealing with books that circulate, but adds insult to injury when you "lose" a reserve volume and you are charged late fees by the minute. My advice is that you watch them check your books in and keep those receipts.

If the library is the fourth horseman of

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the apocalypse then the title of Lucifer is reserved for students who rip pages out of books in the library, rather than photocopy them. Whether their motivation is laziness or to "get ahead" the penalty should be to write Me. Godin's 1993 final examination in Civil Law Property.

I could go on and on bitching and moaning, but I won't. Being a newlywed

as well as having completed three years of law school have made me realize that they are infinitely more important things in heaven and on earth than what transpires in the ivory tower known as McGill's Faculty of Law. As such, the best advice I can give is don't spend all your time in the library, do get involved outside the faculty, do go to Coffee House and law games, and above all don't take yourself too seriously because no one else does.

*Jody Berkes is a fourth year law student who just recently got married. He spends most of his time lurking in the basement of the Shatner Building where he is Executive Director of The McGill Legal Information Clinic. Jody invites all people who are interested in volunteering at the Clinic or who are just curious as to what a newlywed looks like to come for a visit. His column appears weekly in the Quid Novi.*

# The McGill Terry Fox Day

**SEPTEMBER 17, 1995 11AM (10AM registration)  
BEAVER LAKE, MOUNT ROYAL**

Each year in September, Canadians across the country participate in the Terry Fox Day, an annual fund-raiser for cancer research.

This national event is dedicated to the memory of a great Canadian hero, Terry Fox. He lost his right knee to cancer at the age of 18. Undaunted, he decided to run across Canada to promote cancer research and to encourage other cancer victims. He began the "Marathon of Hope" on April 12, 1980 in St. John's Newfoundland. After running 5565 kilometers in 5 months, severe chest pains forced him to end his run in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The cancer had spread to both of his lungs. On June 28, 1981, Terry Fox died. He had raised over \$24 million for cancer research and inspired millions of Canadians. On September 2, 1981, Isadore Sharp, president of Four Seasons Hotels committed himself to organizing an annual fund-raising event in Terry's name to continue the fight against cancer.

Since Terry's Marathon of Hope, this annual event has raised more than \$144 million for the

National Cancer Institute of Canada. In 1994 alone, Canadians raised almost \$10 million. McGill University benefits directly from these funds. In 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively, McGill researchers received \$814,000 and \$360,000 in grants.

Since 1989, McGill's Scarlet Key Society has organized the annual McGill's participation in the event. This year, it will be held on Sunday, September 17, 1995 at Mount Royal's Beaver Lake. Registration is at 10AM and the "run" starts at 11AM. Participants can **run, walk, bike, wheel** the 10 kilometer course. Pledge forms will be available in the Faculty during the first two weeks of school and throughout the Montreal community.

Each year the "Principal's shoe" trophy is awarded to the Faculty with the best per capita participation. Last year, the Faculty of Dentistry won. We'd like to see the Faculty of Law's name on the trophy. We think this is the year to do it. Following the run, we will have food, drinks and award "door" prizes (including dinners for two, Adidas sports bags, professional massages and consultations by a chiropractor!). There will be a variety of activities. As we want to encourage more faculty, staff and mature students to

come out, we will have numerous activities for children before, during and after the run (face painting, "Simon Says" aerobics, ...). We will have a separate 1 or 2 KM "run" for the kids led by the McGill mascot, the martlett. A professional singer will entertain us afterwards. Participation in McGill's Terry Fox Day is not only a worthy cause, it also brings together the McGill community.

Beaver Lake can be accessed by foot from the monument off of Park Ave. along the 3 kilometer gravel path up the mountain. Bus #11, leaving from the Mount Royal metro station (at Park Ave.) accesses Beaver Lake. As well, this year, Discount has donated two vans to shuttle students in residence at designated times. The Old Brewery Mission has kindly loaned us their bus and driver for the day to transport students from the Ghetto and residences.

If you would like more information, pledge forms or, even better, would like to **volunteer**, please contact Debbie Johnston @ 398-6894 or (if you feel like a pre-run workout up four flights of stairs) drop by my office in room 53, Old Chancellor Day Hall. Join us on September 17 for the 15th annual Terry Fox Day. Help us keep Terry's dream alive.



# PANTOUFLICATING

**Don McGowan LLB III**

This is a new column. That's why you've never seen it before. If you're in first year, just arriving at Law School, you don't know to fear my ego. You'll learn. Enough. It's time to Pantouflicat. Which is French-like for "when the guy with the slippers rants interminably". And I'd best not disappoint...

## The Legal Clinic

You're lucky. Claudipü (pronounced "Claudine Millette") stopped me from going on a rant about Windows 95. She wanted me to tell you about the Legal Info Clinic. Which is free advertising, now that I think about it, and since promoting the Clinic is my job... All summer, six of us have been locked in a basement. Randi has been quite good at getting people to come play with us, but through thick and thin, it's been six. Thanks to everyone who has come to the Clinic this summer. I hope we didn't scare you. I hope the things you learned at the Clinic didn't scare you. Which brings me to an interesting point. Those of you in first year, who haven't had time to learn not to do the reading, should skip this next part. But for the rest of you, I wonder: why does school teach us nothing? I know, you've heard it all before, but I am somewhat curious. After all, I'm the only LLB director of the

Clinic. Which means that I was volunteering in a Civil Law environment while taking my Civil Law courses. So why did I get worse marks than people who can't read French? You may be thinking, "Because you spent more time worrying about keeping your slippers out of the slush, Pantoufle." That's true. But it doesn't change the fact that Obs and Property have about as much to do with real life as 90210.

I was just wondering...

## The movie reviews

This is the real reason I'm writing. Emmanuel gave me this column so that I could tell you what movies to see (or not to see). I've got a knack. If it's a bad film, I've seen it. I've seen Waterworld. I've seen Johnny Mnemonic. I've even seen Alien Seed, starring Erik Estrada. And there's one consistent factor: If you see the singing popcorn guy, run. Anyone who's seen a movie at The Egyptian knows. He comes down the aisle with his little cart, and he sings, and he tries to make you do the wave. Wave goodbye. This film will suck. Here's some films I saw this summer. Don't go to them.

### Waterworld

If the whole thing takes place on the ocean, why is everyone dirty? How come he has gills behind his ears, where they

wouldn't work? How come everyone has forgotten how to read in 300 years? How did the polar icecaps contain enough water to submerge Denver? Forget the fact that Fishtar cost \$175 million and up. You won't be in a position to help it make its money back. It's just too damn bad. Mad Max on water it ain't.

### Johnny Mnemonic

This might be the worst movie ever made. Tron had better effects. Canoe Reeves plays a man with a hard drive for a head, but he *still* comes off as wooden. His girlfriend is played by the prof's wife who Brandon had an affair with on 90210. The best "actor" in the "film" is Dolph Lundgren, for god's sake! For Toronto buffs, it's got the mandatory Union Station shot - as a hospital. The whole plot is explained on those Star Wars moving text screens at the beginning. I could have taken five bucks, wiped my ass with it, and lit it on fire; it would have been a better show, and it wouldn't have smelled as bad.

## The end

That's all for this time. Next column, I'll pantouflicat about more bad films. Unless enough of you complain to Emmanuel that he pulls me. Or unless Alex Pless decides that getting a life was too much work.

## Quid Novi of the students,....

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intéresse: la politique, la vie estudiantine, les sports, les films, les professeurs, les sports, le référendum, la semaine d'orientation, le droit, les "jeux ridicules", les sports aux "jeux ridicules", ou tout simplement ce qui vous passe par la tête, sans oublier les sports. Aux étudiants de première année: nous voulons connaître vos premières impressions et savoir ce que vous pensez de notre chère faculté de droit. Ecrivez-nous!

### Deadlines

Just don't forget, there is a deadline. It's every Monday morning at 10 a.m. If articles are submitted before the deadline, they will appear in the Quid Novi of the following week. So, for example, if students (and faculty too) want to have an article appear in the edition of September 18, they must hand it in on September the 11 at the latest. For the Quid coming out on September 25, the deadline is September 18. Please have the articles ready on Wordperfect 5.1 or Microsoft Word 6.0 and deposit

the diskettes in the Quid Novi box in the L.S.A. office. We will make sure the diskettes get back to you. Anybody interested in being part of the Q TEAM, please come see me.

### School year begins

With the joy of reading again the Quid Novi, comes, unfortunately, the sadness of starting classes again. On behalf of the Q TEAM, let me wish all of you a great year and much success AND GREAT READING!



*Revue de droit de McGill*  
*McGill Law Journal*  
**Recrutement/Recruitment 1995**

Bon retour à la faculté!

La *Revue de droit de McGill* procèdera dès le mois de septembre au recrutement des membres des comités adjoints de rédaction et de direction. Nous vous encourageons vivement à poser votre candidature à l'un des **15 postes disponibles**.

Comme vous le savez sans doute, la *Revue* est une publication universitaire bilingue et bijuridique. C'est pourquoi nous avons besoin d'équipes francophone et anglophone compétentes et dynamiques afin de travailler à toutes les étapes du processus de publication de la *Revue*.

Les étudiants qui seront choisis pour faire partie de l'équipe de la *Revue* recevront des **crédits universitaires** pour leur travail, et s'engageront pour une période de deux ans.

Au fil des ans, la *Revue* s'est taillée une place de choix dans le milieu juridique québécois, canadien et international. Être impliqué au sein de la *Revue* vous permettra de vivre une expérience inoubliable en travaillant sur des textes et en collaborant avec des auteurs des plus respectés et innovateurs dans le milieu juridique.

Si la *Revue* vous intéresse, venez nous rencontrer lors d'une **séance d'information** sur le processus de recrutement:

**8 septembre 1995 à la salle 203 de  
12h30 à 13h30.**

Les **formulaires de candidature** seront disponibles à partir du **13 septembre à la Revue au 3661 Peel** (porte du côté) et devront être retournées au même endroit avant le **20 septembre à 18h00**. Ensuite, tous les candidats devront signer la feuille d'horaire des **entrevues** qui sera affichée dans le «Pit».

Welcome back to the Faculty!

There is absolutely no truth to the rumours that *The McGill Law Journal*: only prints articles dealing with the Rule in *Shelley's Case*<sup>1</sup> or the fee tail; will blind and cripple you with footnotes; or wear you down to a nub with ennui.

The *Journal* will, however, give you a unique opportunity to work on articles and case comments with some of the most innovative and respected legal authors in the country. Through the past 43 years the *Journal* has gained an enviable reputation among law firms, courts, and legal and other academics as a reliable and important source of legal literature. Maintaining this reputation takes a lot of effort, so, yes, *Journal* members are expected to work diligently throughout the whole editorial process. Still, this activity is extremely rewarding when one considers that so much of what the *Journal* publishes is referred to by attorneys, courts, and policy makers all across Canada and around the world.

To find out more about the *Journal's* application process, you are invited to a brief **information session on September 8 in room 203 from 12:30 to 1:30**. Application packages may, then, be picked up at the *Journal* office (3661 Peel Street, side door) on **September 13** and must be returned by **September 20**. Interviews for all applicants will also be held; look for the sign-up sheet in the pit.

The *McGill Law Journal*: more fun than Twister™.

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<sup>1</sup> *Wolfe v. Shelley* (1581), 1 Co. Rep. 93b, 76 E.R. 206.



# New Associate Dean Academic

If you don't see the words "Alison Harvison-Young" next to the words "Associate Dean Academic" anymore, it's because Professor Harvison-Young's mandate is over. The Associate Dean is now Professor Daniel Jutras.

Professor Jutras graduated from the University of Montreal. He got his L.L.B. in 1982. After bar school, he worked for one year as clerk of the Supreme Court with Antonio Lamer. He then did an L.L.M. at Harvard. He started teaching at McGill in June 1985 at the ripe age of 24 years. He started teaching Criminal Law. In his ten years at McGill, he's taught, in both French and English, Obligations, both I and II, Securities on Immoveables and Foundations. This year, he'll be teaching Obligations IIA and Foundations in French. Here is the interview the Quid conducted with the new Associate Dean.

- Avez-vous déjà fait partie de l'administration de la faculté?

- Oui, j'ai déjà été Vice-Doyen aux admissions de 1988 à 1991.

- Est-ce que ces deux postes sont semblables?

- Il y a certaines choses que je fais toujours; par exemple, rencontrer les étudiants qui viennent de l'étranger par des programmes d'échange. Ce qui est fort différent c'est qu'ici on gère le programme, et on gère le contenu pédagogique et académique. C'est quelque chose que je connais moins bien. Et on n'a pas le rapport avec l'extérieur comme au temps où vice-doyen aux admissions. On ne

voit plus les étudiants qui sont contents d'être admis ou mécontents de ne pas l'être. On voit les étudiants qui sont déjà là et qui ont besoin d'un coup de main. On me dit qu'il y a des étudiants qu'on ne verra jamais alors qu'il y a des étudiants qu'on va voir souvent parce qu'ils ont besoin d'aide pour déterminer leur programme ou pour d'autres raisons.

- Combien de temps va durer votre mandat?

- Il va durer trois ans. Auparavant, le poste n'était que pour deux ans, mais la faculté a décidé de le prolonger à trois ans. On manque de ressources humaines.

- Que fait au juste le Vice-Doyen aux études?

- Le vice-doyen gère le programme de premier cycle sur le plan académique. Il est responsable de documents comme le Course Registration Materials. Il est responsable des décisions à prendre dans les cas individuels sur le plan du programmes de chaque étudiant. Il est responsable des extensions, des retards, des dates d'échéance. Il est responsable des changements de cours, des cours hors faculté, des crédits hors faculté, des échanges hors faculté, des permissions spéciales, des arrangements faits pour des motifs personnels pour des étudiants. Tout ce genre de choses là. Bref, tout ce que les étudiants voient dans le rapport avec le bureau des affaires étudiantes (U.S.O.) est sous ma responsabilité. Avec ça vient les rapports avec les chargés

de cours et avec les professeurs. Le rapport avec ces personnes passe par mon bureau. De plus, c'est moi qui vais, à partir du printemps prochain, confectionner l'horaire des cours.

L'autre tâche importante c'est la discipline. Le vice-doyen aux études est l'officier disciplinaire de la faculté. Dieu merci, on n'a pas beaucoup de problèmes de discipline chez nous. S'il y a des violations du code disciplinaire des étudiants sous forme de plagiat ou autre, c'est ma responsabilité de gérer la discipline à l'intérieur de la faculté, d'imposer des sanctions quand c'est de ma juridiction, de plaider des affaires disciplinaires devant le comité de discipline des étudiants, de plaider au nom de la faculté lorsque des étudiants font des griefs, et ainsi de suite.

- Maintenant que le poste de Vice-Doyen aux admissions a été aboli, avez-vous des responsabilités supplémentaires?

- Il n'y a pas beaucoup de responsabilités nouvelles et celles qui existent je les partage avec le président du comité des admissions. Par exemple, autoriser les étudiants qui ne sont pas inscrits à la faculté de suivre des cours. C'est ce qu'on appelle les étudiants spéciaux. Certains de ceux là viennent, par exemple, du Barreau du Québec après s'être présentés devant le bureau des équivalences. Ce sont des avocats ou avocates étrangers qui doivent suivre un certain nombre de cours pour satisfaire aux exigences

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du barreau pour accéder aux examens. C'est la même chose pour les provinces du Common Law.

- *What's your position on special permissions for extensions and religious holidays?*

- For religious holidays, we have a policy that has more or less resolved problems and I think it works well. It provides a framework within which the concerned parties can address this issue. The policy is explained in the student handbook.

As far as extensions and deadlines are concerned, the faculty has been a bit more rigid particularly in relation to papers. The faculty has requested the students who have problems or who anticipate having problems, to raise them well ahead of time. People who have personal problems, people who have health problems and so on, should do something before this ruins their lives or careers or ruins an examination session for example. I'd like to stress this. It's much better for me to know in advance that there are

problems in the making, that people are going through personal life crises and so on, than to have to deal with it ipso facto. It must be understood that students are welcomed to see me or people like Christine Gervais.

- *Please give us an update of the faculty review process.*

- Students should soon get the follow-up of the focus groups held by the faculty last year. The Dean and the committee responsible for the consultations, chaired by Professor Rod MacDonald last year, will produce very shortly a draft of a planning report, some kind of vision for the faculty. (Please read future editions of the Quid for more information.)

Furthermore, an ad hoc committee headed by Professor Van Praagh has been formed with a mandate to review the undergraduate program and to make recommendations to reform it should a reform be necessary. It's not set up because there is a consensus that everything

is going terribly. Quite the contrary. It's set up by the Dean as part of the broader purpose of soul-searching or self-examination. The committee should present a preliminary report by the end of the year.

- *As Associate Dean, do you have any professional or personal goals?*

- Yes, I have a few goals. There is a tradition at school that students have liked my predecessors and thought of them as fair. I hope that in three years, when my mandate will be over, that students will feel the same way about me. There's also a feeling at school that students have easy access to the faculty administration. I hope students will feel that my door is always open.

As for more personal goals, I hope this position will allow me to do some adjudication. Since law school is in a way a small legal system with internal dynamics, this is an occasion to apply rules and to do some adjudicating. Finally, I hope to learn a bit about myself.

# OTIS NOTICE

Welcome back everyone! This corner in the Quid will provide you all the information you need about what's going on in sports throughout the year.

What you need to know now is that it's time to register for intra-mural sports. You can do that in the pit by signing the sheets posted on the sports board. Don't be shy, there's surely a sport out there for you!

We are already getting ready for Law

Games. A fundraiser golf tournament will take place on September 23rd at Le Mirage golf club. Students are invited to play or to come to the evening dinner. Just look for posters providing more information. If you have any ideas for Law Games or if you want to help out, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, I will need all the help I can get!

You should also go to the Terri Fox march on September 17th, it's for a good cause and there will be a lot of surprises. Plus the law

faculty has never gotten involved much in this event and it's time to change that!

I will tell you about the rest as it comes along during the year. If you need more information or if you have any questions, please come to see me or leave me a message at the LSA.

En attendant, bonne rentrée à tous!

Alexandra Otis  
Sports coordinator



## Welcome! Bienvenue!

On behalf of the Orientation Committee, we wish all of our new students a hearty welcome to the Law Faculty! We realize that this is an anxious time for all of you, so much so that you may not know how to plan these first two weeks of school. From meeting a ton of new people to trying to locate your classes, you may feel a little overwhelmed! So we, on the Orientation Committee, have done you a huge favor: we've planned your agenda for you! Simply consult the calendar and show up to all of the activities! Hope to see you there!!

## Orientation '95

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| 3   | 4  | Orientation begins<br>5 WELCOME DAY!<br>PARTY AT ANNIE'S<br>(3641 Parc) 9 PM | 6<br>TRIP TO OPEN<br>AIR PUB (12:30)<br>Nature Students<br>Reception (4:30)  | 7 TUTORIAL<br>DINNER<br>Brochette Alex.<br>7 PM                       | 8<br>Meet the Faculty<br>BBQ!<br>3:30 - 7:30<br>PARTY AT DÉJA<br>VU! 8 PM | 9                      |
| "GATORADE"<br>10 SPORTS DAY<br>12 PM<br>Lower Campus<br>Field | 11<br>CLUBS DAY<br>11:30 - 1:30<br>PUB CRAWL!!<br>PARTY AT WOOLY'S | 12<br>"CHALLENGE<br>THE PROFS"<br>Softball Game<br>12:30 - 2:30<br>Reservoir | 13<br>"CHALLENGE<br>THE PROFS"<br>Softball Game<br>12:30 - 2:30<br>Reservoir | 14 4 PM<br>COFFEE HOUSE!<br>LAW PARTNER'S<br>PARTY (Caesar's)<br>9 PM | 15<br>KARAOKE<br>BASH!!<br>Bal St. Louie<br>9 PM                          | 16<br>LASER<br>QUEST!! |
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